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THE KANSAS COAL STRIKE

Troops Are Ordered to the Coal Fields to Protect the Miners Who Wish to Work From the Attacks of the Howat Followers.

Last week after the women relatives of the coal miners, who are on a strike in the Kansas fields had brutally beaten union miners who wanted to work, the sheriff of Crawford county acknowledged that he could not control the situation and a regiment of national guardsmen were sent to the scene of the trouble and soon those miners who wanted to work were given protection.

The indications are that the Kansas strike, which has been declared by the International Miners union, may cause a bad break in the ranks of the union. Last summer Alexander Howat, president of the Kansas district, called a strike on some pretext or other and was sent to jail for six months for violating the Kansas industrial law. The International Union ordered the men back to work, but many of Howat's friends refused to abide by the orders of the International and remained out, announcing that they would stay out until Howat was out of jail. Howat and his friends were suspended from office by President Lewis of the International union but the radicals of the miners remain faithful to him. The miners of the Illinois district have pledged support to Howat and have sent thousands of dollars to Kansas to be spent for the benefit of the strikers and their families.

The United States government has taken a hand in the row by sending prohibition enforcement officers to the mining section and they are arresting bootleggers by the score.

In Crawford county a sentiment for law enforcement seems to be growing and several officers who have apparently dodged the issue will be relieved and others put in their places.

Efforts will also be made to get rid of leaders of the miners who have counseled defiance of the laws both of the state and the union.

The marching of women last Monday morning and the scenes of rioting that followed for three days were only the fruits of the kind of leadership that the laboring people of the district, mainly coal miners, have had forced upon them for many years. With their leader brazenly defying the law and ridiculing the courts of the county and denouncing officials charged with law enforcement, and just as brazenly and boldly denouncing his own union superior authorities and refusing to obey the rules of his organization, little could be expected of those who blindly followed him except that they would as far as they could follow the example he set.

But the state is teaching them a lesson, and the lesson is going to be fairly complete before the state gets

through with it. Troops camped in the midst of the trouble zones have brought home to the foreigners that the state means business and no actions such as disgraced the mining field last week are to be repeated. And while the troops are camped, ready for immediate action, the deputy sheriffs are giving a growing list of persons, most of them women, who were in the mobs last week, another chance to march—a chance to march into district court and face charges that will mean a heavy fine, and jail if they can't provide bonds.

Out in the coal camps and among the Howat lieutenants here, the arrest of the first women brought in was considered quite a joke. They said a few of the women would be arrested and given some publicity, which would be beneficial to the cause, and then would be given their freedom.

But it is a joke no longer. Tonight forty-two warrants had been issued and the officers were only getting a good start. There is no limit to the number of warrants that may be issued—except the number of persons who were in the rioting.

It was no accident that George H. Wark, federal prohibition enforcement director for Kansas, came into the field almost with the troops, and unlimbered heavy artillery for an assault upon the booze business. He chose the opportune time to make his work effective. The booze business in Crawford County is hooked up with the doctrine of disobedience to law that has been taught the strikers.

Out through the mining camps the forces of Wark are striking terror into the hearts of the liquor peddlers and bootleggers and jointists.

Instances were found Tuesday, officials declare, where striking miners have taken the flour that they received as relief from the Illinois miners and traded it for whiskey.

The Packers Strike.

The third week of the strike of the packing house employees opened Monday with very little disturbance at the Kansas City packing houses. The strikers are trying to get around the laws against picketing plants by what they call "minute men." A number of strikers walk past the gates to the plants with sufficient interval between them to bring one at the gates each minute. Buildings of one of the packing companies have been set on fire twice, but no great loss resulted. Sunday a meeting of the strikers was held and it was decided to call out all foremen and mechanics who are still at work. If these men quit work it will effectively tie up the plants.

The women among the strikers, or the "Amazons" as they are called, caused some trouble Monday.

At Sioux City, Iowa, two were killed in collisions between strikers and guards Monday.

IRELAND NEAR CIVIL WAR

Serious Threat in Ulster's Opposition to Boundary Change.

London, Dec. 19.—Civil war in Ireland, arising from Ulster's opposition to the proposed revision of her boundaries under the Irish peace treaty, is seriously threatened, according to the political correspondent of the Westminster Gazette.

Ulster is determined that "not one Loyalist shall be sacrificed against his will to the Sinn Fein," he said and adds:

"She (Ulster) will certainly not appoint a representative to the boundary commission, and if the commission operates without her consent and allocates any part of her territory to the South there will be civil war before she parts with it."

The correspondent does not believe that Ulster is bluffing and says she fears that, if the commission sits, a considerable tract of territory will be taken, leaving Ulster only about four counties.

The most stubborn of all the covenanters, he says, live in the counties of Tyrone and Fermanagh. The correspondent reports that at a meeting last week these stalwarts swore solemnly to die rather than pass under the south government.

Soldier Bonus to Claim Attention.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The house ways and means committee will take up soldier bonus legislation immediately after the Christmas holidays and report such legislation to the house early in the new year, Chairman Fordney announced Wednesday.

"The committee will work on this legislation as rapidly as possible," said Chairman Fordney. "We will bring out a bonus bill with an attached plan to raise the necessary money to pay the bonus. The legislation will be passed by the house as early as feasible in the present session. I cannot say what the plan will be to raise the money, because I do not know."

Fordney is in favor of the imposition of a special manufacturers' sales tax to raise the necessary revenue.

Death of M. W. Faubion.

Tuesday afternoon W. M. Faubion, one of Butler's highly respected citizens was found dead in the stable at his home in the northwest part of the city. The cause of his death being heart disease.

Mr. Faubion was a quiet, unassuming gentleman who enjoyed the respect of his neighbors and those with whom he came in contact and his family have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. H. A. Mitchell will be held from the Ohio street M. E. church Thursday afternoon and interment made in Oak Hill cemetery.

MURDER AND SUICIDE

Harry Ashley, Formerly of This City Kills Woman and Then Himself.

Friday night, as Helen Waters, 28 years of age, stepped from the entrance to her apartment at 1120 East Twelfth street, Kansas City, she was shot and instantly killed by Harry Ashley, 32 years old, a rejected lover. Ashley then turned the weapon on himself inflicting a wound from which he died at the city hospital Saturday morning.

Miss Walters came to Kansas City from Wichita. Ashley was a resident of Rich Hill, Mo. Here the couple met. Ashley fell madly in love with the girl. She spurned him.

Her rejection of his affection drove Ashley to desperation. He haunted her home. Thursday morning at 4 o'clock he made his last visit. Refused admittance, he kicked out the glass of the door.

Miss Walters, accompanied by Miss Vivian Murray, who shared her apartment with her, and three other friends, planned a trip to the Union station to meet some acquaintances there. A sister of Miss Walters, Mrs. Sue Anthony, also living at Miss Walters' apartment, was out of the city.

As the party stepped to the street, Ashley, who had been lying in wait, approached.

He snook, but his words were not understood by those who witnessed the tragedy. Whipping a revolver from his pocket, Ashley fired point blank at the girl. Four bullets found their mark and Miss Walters fell dead.

Ashley then turned the revolver on himself. He fell, a bullet in his head. Miss Walters is a divorcee, formerly having been married to Edward Kessler of Wichita.

Ashley's father is a resident of Rich Hill, Mo. George Ashley, a brother, lives in Kansas City. Another brother, William, and a sister, Miss Mary Ashley, live at the family home.

Ashley at one time lived in this city. He married a Miss Lottie Young, who afterwards divorced him.

Stores to Close Monday.

We, the undersigned Grocery Merchants, will close our stores Saturday night, Dec. 24th, to remain closed until Tuesday morning, December 27, on account of Christmas coming on Sunday, making Monday a legal holiday. You will therefore make your purchases for groceries accordingly.

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CENSUS FIGURES

What the 1920 Census Shows About the Population of the State of Missouri, Bates County and the City of Butler.

According to the latest census bulletin the population of the state of Missouri is 3,404,055. 1,586,903 of whom live in cities and towns of more than 2,500 population and 1,817,152 live on farms or in small towns and villages. There are 1,723,319 males and 1,682,736 females. Racially the population is divided as follows: White, 3,225,044; Negro, 178,241; Indian, 171; Chinese, 412; Japanese, 135; all others, 52. Of the whites, 3,039,018 are natives of the United States; 2,536,936 are of native parentage; foreign parentage 300,084; mixed parentage, 202,018; foreign born whites 186,026. In the state there are between the ages of 5 and 20, 1,037,332. (In 1910 there were 1,063,618.) 36.4 per cent of the number are attending schools. Native white attending school, 67.5 per cent; foreign or mixed parentage, 62.8 per cent; foreign born 43.1 per cent; negro, 59 per cent. The following counties have between 5 and 10 per cent foreign born population: Buchanan, Jackson, Lafayette, Gasconade, Warren, St. Charles and St. Louis.

The population of Bates county is 2,993. (1910 25,869.) 12,315 males and 11,618 females. Native, white 2,587; native parentage 21,465; foreign parentage, 851; mixed parentage, 947; foreign born, 484; negro, 195. In the county there are 317 illiterates over the age of 21. 6,199 families and 6,063 dwellings. The foreign born in the county give the following as the place of birth: Australia, 17; Belgium, 33; Canada, 25; Czechoslovakia 1; Denmark, 9; England, 53; France, 15; Germany, 184; Greece, 2; Ireland, 27; Italy, 6; Mexico, 3; Poland, 2; Russia, 47; Scotland, 27; Sweden, 21; Switzerland, 35 and all others, 16.

In the city of Butler there are 2,702 people, 1,314 male and 1,388 females native white, native parentage, 2,300; native white, foreign or mixed parentage, 1,401; foreign born, 38; negro, 164. Illiterates over 21 years of age, 55. Number of dwellings, 773; number of families, 705.

Ask Permission to Cut Rates.

Jefferson City, Dec. 14.—The Missouri Pacific Railroad Company on its own behalf and in behalf of other Missouri railroads, filed an application with the state public service commission today for an order putting into effect a reduction of 10 per cent on farm, garden, range and orchard product, presumably to become operative about January 1. It is specified in the application, however, that the decreases shall not apply to any commodity having had a greater decrease granted it since September, 1920, than to per cent. In instances where the reduction in the past amounted to more than 10 per cent, the rate shall not be lowered.

Mt. Pleasant Township Democratic Convention.

The Democrats of Mt. Pleasant township met at the court house Saturday afternoon to elect delegates to a county convention to be held in this city Wednesday to elect delegates to the senatorial district convention to be held at El Dorado Springs December 28, to select delegates to the constitutional convention. The convention organized by electing Judge H. E. Sheppard chairman and C. W. Ray secretary. The following delegates were elected:

Dr. J. T. Hall, Ed Powell, Mrs. J. A. Neal, Miss Edna Garrard, T. J. Everett, James A. DeArmond, Mrs. L. P. Wade, Mrs. John McKissick, A. A. Dewitt, W. O. Jackson, Mrs. Walter Fuller, Mrs. J. S. Brown, T. T. Dickerson, M. S. Horn, Mrs. Dean Canterbury, Miss Nell Fuhrman, John Jones, T. W. Silvers, Mrs. J. A. DeArmond, Mrs. T. J. Shobe, A. C. Moreland, D. C. Chastain, Mrs. G. W. Walton, Miss Siletar Cowley, Pete McCook, Carl J. Henry, Mrs. Marie Lindsay, Miss Gladys Stanley, Jake Green, Jesse E. Coleman, Mrs. C. H. Lutton, Mrs. Will Kersey, E. R. Miller, O. A. Beidant, Mrs. Will Berry, Mrs. J. W. Choate, Paul Levy, J. S. Gloyd.

Republican County Convention.

Saturday afternoon the Republicans of the county held a mass convention at the court house and elected the following delegates to the Republican senatorial convention to be held at Osceola December 29:

C. E. Robbins, A. L. Fox, George Sunderwirth, Joe Wright, Jesse Moles, Frank Kountz, E. H. Hinn, B. F. Wix, Henry Fisher, Lon Varnes, Mrs. W. A. Searius and Mrs. Binner.

Drys in Effort to Have Britain Help Shut Off Liquor Supply.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Dry leaders, moving to keep imported liquors out of the United States, have proposed to Secretary of State Hughes that this government ask Great Britain to help put a stop to smuggling operations from British possessions to this country, it was learned Monday.

William Jennings Bryan, spokesman for the drys, told Secretary Hughes that Volstead law enforcement has failed to reduce the unreported liquor supply. Bryan earnestly appealed to Hughes to initiate discussions with British diplomats with a view to some arrangement with British authorities that will shut off the whisky supplies coming from British possessions.

Hughes has Bryan's plan under consideration. Immediate action upon it is not expected.

The move of the drys results from a review of liquor conditions in the United States, revealing an astonishing amount of imported liquors for sale in all localities where there is a demand.

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